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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1917.

\$1.50 IN ADVANCE.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.
Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday—"Patriotism."
The Social Six will have their regular meeting, Saturday afternoon at Mrs. J. S. Burbank's.
Rev. Mr. Little occupied his pulpit last Sunday and delivered a sermon with his old time vigor, indicating that his illness had not dulled his spirit, nor weakened his power for a forceful expression of his message.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
The theme of the sermon next Sunday morning will be, "The Sure Defense." There will be a duet by Miss Sawford and Mr. Pollard.
The Go-to-Church-Band will choose sides again for the spring term at the Sunday school next Sunday.
The delegates to the Boys' Conference will report the meetings at a union service of the three churches in the Congregational church at 7:15 next Sunday evening. Everybody invited. Collection for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. E. Hanson, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH.
There was a good attendance at the last Quarterly Conference on Wednesday evening, the 7th. The Rev. D. B. Holt of Auburn was present and presided. After the business meeting there was a pleasant social hour at which the ladies served cake and coffee.
Only words of highest praise are heard—concerning the entertainment given by Willard Gorton. The final number of the popular series will be by the Griswold Sisters' Quartet on March 7 in the Grange Hall. They offer a program rich in variety and of high artistic merit.

The Loyal Workers meet this week on Friday evening with Miss Elsie Adams. The Roll Call will be answered by quotations from Longfellow.
The W. H. M. S. meets on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Olive Wood. The subject is "Korea."
The Ladies' Aid meets with Mrs. L. C. Jordan on Friday afternoon.

SCHOOL NOTES.
The Parent-Teacher meeting of Feb. 21 will be postponed.
The school in the Middle Intervale and Milton Districts will close this week.
Miss Hale, State Agent for Rural Education, will speak at the Parent-Teacher meeting sometime the latter part of February.

WANTED: TEN CALVES.
Will pay four to five dollars for good young calves.
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NOTICE.
The band concert this Thursday evening will start at 8:15 sharp. Come and enjoy an evening of pleasure.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

The Juniors and Seniors declamations are due Friday.
Miss Maude Howard spent the week end at her home in Lewiston.
Miss Nellie Whitman spent the week end at her home in South Paris.

William Hall has been doing janitor work at the dormitory during the absence of Chester Howe.
The Y. M. C. A. meeting of last week was held on Thursday, Feb. 8. The leader was Philip Brown.

Class and entertainment committees have been chosen, and preparations are being made for the annual fair, which will be held in the near future.
The Y. W. C. A. held a special meeting last Wednesday evening at the Congregational church vestry, when Mrs. McWhorter of South Paris gave a very interesting talk on the subject, "Slums of Boston." A short program was enjoyed which consisted of several musical selections.

Elwin Wilson, Herbert Bean, Robert and William Hastings, represented the Y. M. C. A. at the Boys' Conference in Lewiston under the leadership of Mr. Small. Rev. W. C. Curtis accompanied Robert Hanson, Louis Van Den Kerckhoven, Philip Brown, Linwood Wilson and Harold Bartlett, represented the Boy Scouts.

MOSES MASON HASTINGS.
On Monday morning, Feb. 12, Moses Mason Hastings answered the call to that other life. Although he had been seriously ill for several weeks it was thought that he was getting better, and only Sunday night was more cheerful and stronger than he had been for some time. He passed on, as he had so often expressed the desire that he should, peacefully to the last and surrounded by his wife and daughter.

Moses M. Hastings, the son of John and Abigail Straw Hastings, was born in Bethel, Dec. 2, 1834, in the house now occupied by his brother, Daniel S. Hastings. His early life was spent in Bethel where he attended the common schools and Gould's Academy. Later he went to Fryeburg and Norway and finally to Bangor. In Bangor was spent the greater part of his life and for fifty years he maintained his office on Exchange street while engaged in the lumbering business.

About ten years ago he retired from business and came back to his native town that his last days might be spent among the hills of his childhood and with his brother and sister.
Mr. Hastings was a good man and a likeable man and there are many who can testify to his quiet acts of kindness. In early life he became interested in freemasonry and was a great lover of the order. It was his good fortune to be one of those delegated to install the first officers of Bethel lodge, and throughout his life he was a great worker in the fraternity, reaching his reward when he received the election of a thirty-third degree master.

Fifty-four years ago last December he was married to Louisa Gould of Bangor, who has been his constant companion and helpmate. Two children blessed this union, John, who was a prominent physician in Boston until his death last year, and Agnes Louise Dodge of New Jersey.

Besides his wife and daughter he leaves a sister, Mrs. Agnes Straw, and a brother, Daniel S. Hastings, both of Bethel, but who are unfortunately unable to be present at the funeral as they are spending the winter in Florida. There are also several nephews and many grand-nephews and granddaughters.

The funeral is to be held at his home on Thursday at one o'clock with the Masons in attendance. Rev. Mr. Little will officiate.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE MARY PICKFORD IN HULDA FROM HOLLAND.
One of the most entertaining photo plays of the season will be shown at Hulda Hall on Friday evening, Feb. 16, when that most popular actress of the film world, Mary Pickford, will be seen in her latest and best production, Hulda from Holland, in five reels.

Also there will be shown a reel entitled, "A Day With Our Middle-aged Ancestors," and an Animated Weekly. The prices are 15 cents for children, 18 cents for students, and 25 cents for adults.—Adv.

BETHEL INN

Happenings of the Week

The Wednesday afternoon teas continue to be well patronized by the guests of the Inn and their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Bryant of Brookline, Mass., are spending a week at the Inn to enjoy the winter sports.

Mr. Frank B. Fish of the Bankers Audit Co., of Portland, is at the Inn for the regular yearly audit of accounts.

Dr. Frederick H. Wilson of New York City spent a few days at the Inn. While here he was very much interested in the sports and took rides through the surrounding country.

Preparations are being made for a houseful at the Inn the coming week, many coming for the full week, and others over the Holiday. Sports are in good condition and we expect a lively time.

Mrs. Ellerton James and Miss Hilda Cunningham of Milton were overnight guests at the Inn last week and attempted to reach Gorham by sleigh, but were compelled to return to the Inn and start toward Portland by train.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Holmes of Winsted, Conn., were guests at the Inn for a few days. Mrs. Holmes has been in Bethel for some time, and Mr. Holmes came for a few days before she returned home. Both left for Winsted this morning.

Mr. Wm. Knust, who has been at the Inn for the past few weeks, is returning to his home in Newark, N. J., today. Mr. Knust has been enthusiastic over all the sports, and has taken many long walks through the surrounding country. He is much benefited in every way by his stay. Mr. Knust is connected with the National Lead Co., of New York City.

MARY JANE PEARBODY.

Mary Jane Pearbody, wife of Roswell P. Pearbody, of Shelburne, N. H., was born in Auburn, N. H., on December 28, 1844. She was the daughter of Rev. Eldridge Pearman, and Mary Colby and was educated at Pinkerton Academy, at Derry, N. H. She came to Shelburne as a school teacher, on May 27th, 1862, and married Roswell P. Pearbody, May 31, 1863. They immediately located on the Pearbody farm, where the family has resided, until she passed on, on February 3, 1917. Mr. Pearbody the surviving husband, now over eighty years of age, was born, reared, and has always lived upon the old homestead. Eight children were born to them, four boys, and four girls. Edith H. the eldest girl passed away in infancy, aged four years and Charles B. at the age of twenty-eight years. She is survived by three sons, Wilfred S. of Portland, Chester D. who lives on the old home place, and Ralph I. on an adjoining farm, and three daughters, Mrs. John Rix, of Gorham, Mrs. John Mason, of Waterville, Me., and Mrs. Alfred Adams, of Bethel, Me. All of her children were with her during her last hours. There are, also, ten grandchildren.

Mrs. Pearbody, besides being a devoted wife and mother, has always been deeply interested in every movement for the betterment and uplift of the community and active in all circles. She was a charter member of Winthrop Grange of Shelburne, and of Over the Line Branch of I. O. O. F., and for many years treasurer of the Ladies' Aid of the local church.

She was a frequent contributor to the newspapers, and many years since prepared, with much care and pains taking, a History of Shelburne.

Funeral was held at the home, on February 5th, and burial at the Last Mile Cemetery, in the family lot. The bearers were her three sons, and son-in-law, John Rix. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. W. A. Richmond, of the Congregational church of Gorham, and were largely attended by friends and neighbors.

After many years of usefulness, a good woman has gone to her reward. Her life leaves behind memories of a work well done, and the world is better for her having lived. The recollections of her life will be a constant benediction to her family and friends.

FOR SALE.

Four year old heifer, due to freshen soon.

MARTHA E. BARTLETT,
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78th MAINE

LEGISLATURE

Our Special Correspondent Writes of the Past Week's Work

The 78th Maine Legislature started off last week by officially recognizing the severance of American diplomatic relations with Germany. A joint resolution in favor of sustaining the President of the United States in this action was given unanimous passage. The Senate proceeded quietly but the House greeted the introduction of the resolution by long applause.

The resolution read as follows: "Resolved, That the State of Maine by its Legislature send to Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, an expression of its sincere and hearty approval of his recent act in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, and in this crisis and all the difficulties which may follow in consequence thereof, it pledges its unwavering allegiance to the administration at Washington and as a token thereof it offers the support of all its moral and material resources in whatever way they may be deemed best calculated to serve."

"Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States by the Governor of Maine by telegraph."

Accompanying the resolution Governor Milliken sent the following personal message: "With keen personal satisfaction I herewith transmit by order of the Maine Legislature a copy of the resolution unanimously adopted immediately at the opening of the first session subsequent to your action severing diplomatic relations with Germany. This unanimous expression of the Legislature reflects accurately the unwavering and loyal support which you may count upon from our entire State."

Upon advice from Washington immediately following the break with Germany the State House was put under guard to avoid the visits of those who might seek an opportunity to do damage to the capitol or its contents. All doors were locked at 6 P. M. and all persons admitted after that hour were known by the State House employees, or satisfactorily vouched for.

Adjutant General Presson has informed Governor Milliken that the National Guard of the State of Maine is in excellent condition and ready to answer any demand which may be made upon it.

Two important appointments were announced last week in the department of State by Secretary Frank W. Ball. Ernest Thornton of Houlton becomes deputy secretary of State, succeeding Lewis W. McGouddrick of Machias. Mountfort S. Hill of Bangor is to be clerk of the automobile registration bureau, to succeed Harold P. Davis of Waterville. Mr. Thornton is the present assistant secretary of the Senate.

The Judiciary committee has made a unanimous report in favor of the passage of the resolve seeking a constitutional amendment for equal suffrage. It is generally believed that unless some unforeseen obstacle arises the resolve will receive the necessary two-thirds vote for passage at this session, and go before the people at a special election next September.

Governor Milliken is preparing a formal message to the State budget and will read it to the Legislature. He recommends the preparation, relating and distribution before the message of a set of tables showing in detail the financial phases of the budget. He will ask that all appropriation bills carry a scientific division of the money asked for, particularly in the case of State institutions. The Governor has notified the chairmen of the various committees that he will expect their recommendations in the way of appropriations, in order that he may be able to rank the budget schedule and present it to the Legislature.

Last week's sessions began, as is the custom at this period of the legislative convention, Tuesday morning and ended Friday morning. More work than has been the experience thus far of the gallant 78th was crowded into the week. Committee hearings gave place each afternoon and a flood of new measures made a very busy four days. On Friday the members who remained heard and read the titles of some 170 acts, resolves and reports, a record which bids

WEST PARIS GRANGE.

West Paris Grange held an all day meeting, Feb. 15. Officers present: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Asst. Steward, Secretary, Chaplain and L. A. Steward. The severe cold and high wind prevented many from attending. The first and second degrees were conferred on four candidates and the third

GRANGE NEWS

CANTON GRANGE.
On account of the bad traveling the attendance at Canton Grange meeting, Saturday, was small, but a pleasant session was held. O. M. Richardson was appointed degree master, the first and second degrees to be conferred at the next meeting. Quotations from Washington, Lincoln and Longfellow were given and a paper, "Some reasons why these three men are honored and beloved by all," was read by Mrs. Martha J. Childs. A piano solo and remarks by O. M. Richardson closed the program. The next meeting will be the Grange anniversary day, and a good program will be given.

BETHEL GRANGE.
Bethel Grange held its regular meeting last Thursday evening with a goodly number present and the first and second degrees were conferred on a small class. The Grange voted to hold an all day meeting and invite all the nearby Granges sometime in the near future. Literary program: "Tenting on the Old Camp Grounds."

Opening Song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Grounds." Levi Bartlett, By Members, Pauline Mason, As President, Lincoln as a Christian Man, Rev. Mr. Little, Patriotic Reading, Mary Allen, Patriotic Recitation, Lizette Morse, Closing Piece, "America."

Delicious refreshments were served, consisting of sandwiches, assorted cake and coffee. The next meeting will be held Feb. 22, Washington Night. Literary program arranged by Lecturer.

NORWAY GRANGE.
Norway Grange met February 10 for an all day meeting. Owing to the bad travelling the worthy Master, G. W. Richardson and wife; Chaplain, Eva Jackson; Overseer, Fred Lovejoy, and Imogene Lovejoy and many others were unable to be present. Gate Keeper Frank Gammon was on the sick list. It was finally decided to fill the chairs and confer the third and fourth degrees. Past Master F. P. Towne took the Master's chair and appointed W. O. Perry, Overseer; Willard Buck, Steward; Mrs. Emma Towne, Ceres; Mrs. Edith Knightly, Pomona. After opening exercises and routine work five received instructions in the third degree. A recess was held for dinner. Meeting was again opened and the fourth degree conferred. No contest program was presented, in place of which the Lecturer presented a short Lincoln program as follows: A short talk by Prof. G. A. Yenton, touching on immediate work in the orchard, preceded the commemorative program; Song, "Star Spangled Banner," Grange Chorus; Address at Gettysburg, H. D. Smith; Poem, "Lincoln, the Man of the People," Algie Crooker; "Lincoln Himself," an exceedingly meritorious original paper, Annie Goodwin; A Tribute to Abraham Lincoln, the Man of the Hour and Epoch, and the Great

Man of the 19th Century, original paper, Lecturer Grover; Lincoln's favorite poem, "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud," Annie Goodwin; Last verse of "Star Spangled Banner," Grange Chorus. Helen Howe Russell had charge of the flag at the opening and closing of program. Adeline DeCoster presided at the piano in the forenoon, Ida Merrill in the afternoon. Topic for next regular meeting, "Grange work as it is today," and further discussion of the milk situation as time permits. There will be no open meetings during the contest, and picnic dinners will prevail unless an special occasion arises that will call for a change of decision. A special meeting is called for contest work on Saturday next, Feb. 17 to open at 1 o'clock sharp. As Master Towne was called out H. D. Smith took the chair. There are a number of sick members, but all reported as gaining. Mrs. Smith on a recent trip to Augusta called on Commissioner of Agriculture Roberts, and found him a busy man, but exceedingly glad to see him. Said Norway and Norway Grange should be proud of such an efficient man going from their midst, to fill such a responsible position. Meeting closed in form. There were six visitors present.

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W. A. BRAGG,
10-12-14, Bethel, Maine.

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F. C. HOLT,
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and four were conferred on a class of five. One application was received. There will be an all day meeting Feb. 24, Pleasant Pond Grange having accepted the invitation to meet with us on that date. There will be a good program.

The Home Circle

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

WHAT MAKES GIRLS GET "THE BLUES."

Is there a girl in office or shop—in any part of the business world, in fact—who at one time or another is not a victim of that depressed condition commonly referred to as "the blues"? Perhaps she feels downhearted and discouraged because she is physically tired; perhaps she is mentally worn out; but whatever the cause, the result is always the same. The future looks dark and hopeless, and life seems to hold little that promises of good. This state of affairs is one with which every worker is familiar and one against which every girl who works for her living must fight if she wishes to succeed. The girl who allows herself to become a frequent victim of the "blues" is not only a burden to herself but to others, for her discouragement is bound to affect all who come in contact with her.

Some women have naturally a sunny disposition, while others have just as naturally a tendency to look on the dark side of life. If you are one of those unfortunate individuals make up your mind to change your disposition as quickly and as completely as possible. A dark, discouraged outlook on things never brought any one success, and the girl who gives way to such feelings is sealing her doom.

When things go in the wrong way, when every one finds fault with your work, when your work itself seems more than you can bear, stop and reason with yourself for a few moments. Think of the hundreds of girls who have been thrown out of positions, whose daily bread is a matter of very precarious attainment because of this loss of steady employment. Then be glad that you have a job, no matter how hard it may seem, and thank your lucky stars you are not in the pitiful position of the girl who is without work.

Think, too, of that other one who, because of illness, is unable to accept employment, even though it might be hers. Any number of women, tied to their homes because of sickness, would give almost anything to be in your place. Think also of the thousands of girls who, not actually ill, but far from well, must drag through their daily labors no matter how wretchedly they may feel, because they have not the means to take a very necessary vacation. Then, if you have your health, be thankful for that, for it is by far the greatest blessing any business woman can have.

Discouragement comes to a good many girls because they see no future in their work. They may be laboring in a very restricted field, where advancement is provokingly slow, and even when it comes it means no great rise in position or salary. These girls should remember that good work is bound to tell, no matter in what field, and time devoted to doing good work is not time wasted. Every day we are adding a little to our experience, learning a trifle more about business methods, and if we have learned how to do the small task well we are not apt to be lacking when the big opportunity arrives. And arrive it will, sooner or later in every one's life.

A good bit of advice was given the other day to a young business woman by a sister worker who had been self-supporting for a good number of years. The younger woman, having become discouraged and blue, went to the older

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girl for advice. "Everything seems hopeless," she confided disconsolately. "I seem to be pushing against a stone wall, with no chance of looking through to the light."

"Why not look up?" suggested the more experienced worker. "There is always light overhead. Above you is the blue sky, the sunshine and heaven, and if you look up you will see them. Don't mind the stone wall; don't look down at it. Look up over it, see the light overhead, and you will soon forget that the stone wall exists."

Thus, if you are in the position of the girl who saw only black grayness ahead, don't follow her example and push against the stone wall. Look up, not down, and you will find happiness.

ARE YOUR CHILDREN WELL?

It is important for every mother to know whether her boys and girls are fit for school. Many children fail in their studies and lay the foundation of ill health simply because their well-meaning but ignorant parents force them to go to school when they are not in the right physical condition.

A child is not fit for school unless he shows a uniform gain in weight. His flesh should be firm, his bones well shaped and every part of his body gradually rounding into normal form. He should have a good appetite for all kinds of wholesome food, and his digestive apparatus should be in perfect working condition. Every night should find him getting sound, healthful sleep, and, whether awake or asleep, he should always breathe through his nose. His skin, not only of his face, but of his whole body, should be clear and rosy, his teeth sound, his breath sweet and his tongue clear.

If your boys and girls are lacking in any of these respects they are sifter subjects for your family physician than for a teacher, and you should not think of allowing them to enter a schoolroom until they have received the necessary medical attention.

There are in the United States 20,000,000 school children under the age of fifteen, and only a small percentage are really fit to be in school. More than 10,000,000 of these children have defective teeth; 5,000,000 have enlarged tonsils or adenoids; another 6,000,000 are suffering from lack of proper nourishment; 4,000,000 have defective eyes, and 1,000,000 are more or less deaf.

LIVING IN THE PRESENT.

If the good fairies who used to grace the christening of princesses in the stories of childhood were to come flocking to you today, what gift would you ask from them? There is, of course,

some especial thing which you particularly want, and then a few extras which, as the Ruggleses would say, "might come in handy." And surely foremost among these is the ability to live in the present.

There are two types of persons who never live in the present: those who are always drifting back to the past and those who are always anticipating the future. To the very old the backward glance is often a blessed one; here lies all their experiences, all their emotions, and only from the past may they reconstruct their dreams, base their faith and rest their hope. Such retrospection is harmless and even beautiful; it is only when the past is continually compared with the present—to the detriment of the latter—that it is annoying; when we are told perpetually that in some period of the past "things were so much better than they are now," when we hear all the disadvantages of the present compared to all the advantages of the past. The telephone is a nuisance, the automobile is a horror—life was so much more pleasant before these came into use. But what if it was so very much pleasant before we were continually frustrated and frustrated trying to get messages to people living on the edge of nowhere and wearing out hours of worry when the expected guest or the absent member of the family failed to appear on schedule time? And so for the other beauties of the past—anyone who knows human nature is justified in being sceptical when the ancient plant goes up that young people are so much ruder than they used to be, or women are more selfish or men less courteous. Human nature has probably changed very little fundamentally in the last fifty or a hundred years, and rudeness and vanity are by no means modern inventions.

And as for those who live in the rosy future—they seem to get certain enjoyment out of it to be sure, but there is no more emotional nourishment in such airy fare than there is physical nourishment in the fluffy meringue that tops a sturdy pudding.

The present is the time to live; the present is the time to make use of. Backward glances are never clear, and vague dreams of the future bear fruit that vanishes when we stretch out our hands to pick it.

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FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC.

The clerks in the foreign branch of the postoffice in New York have many amusing episodes to tell. One day a modest young man, after inspecting the mail slots marked, "foreign," "city," and "domestic," approached the clerk at the window. "Where do you mail letters?" he asked. Ascertaining that the letter was for city delivery, the clerk told the man to drop it in the slot marked "city." The modest man went over, read the instructions, and came back to the window with the letter still in his hand. "Well, did you mail it?" inquired the clerk. "No," replied the man. "I don't know what to do. You see, it's this way: She lives in the city, but she is a foreigner, and a domestic." On the same day a man approached the window, and throwing in a money order asked for the cash. The clerk, after inspecting it, handed it back, remarking: "We don't cash these here. This is a foreign branch." The man handed over and said, confidentially, "I know this is the foreign branch. That's why I came here. That office is from my father-in-law in Cincinnati, and," lowering his voice, "he is a foreigner."—Epworth Herald.

CANTON

Miss L. B. Treadwell, pastor of the Canton F. B. Church, took for her subject Sunday morning, "The Rural Church," and in the evening, "Repentance." A juvenile choir has been organized which furnishes music at the evening services of this church.

Mrs. W. B. Dresser is critically ill of pneumonia. A trained nurse, Miss Donahue of Lewiston is in attendance. Dr. C. E. Philson of Lewiston was called Friday in consultation with Dr. F. W. Morse.

A post card shower was sent last week to Mrs. Edna Easted, who is at the Hebrew sanatorium for treatment. Her many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Agnes Heald has been called to East Sumner by the illness of her aunt, Mrs. Sharon Robinson.

Ronelle A. Grover of Andover has been a guest of his niece, Mrs. E. T. Chamberlain.

There were no services at the Universalist church, Sunday, the pastor being unable to reach here on account of the badly drifted roads.

A card shower was given Mrs. S. T. Haydon, Monday. Mrs. Haydon, who has been ill, is gaining.

Mrs. Sarah E. Reynolds of Canton and sister, Miss Flora M. Mitchell of Portland, are guests of Mrs. Reynolds' sister-in-law, Mrs. Edgar N. Carver and family of Boston.

Miss Eleanor Westgate gave a piano recital at her home, Tuesday evening.

The preliminary speaking of the students of Canton High school was held at the schoolroom last Wednesday and Friday afternoons, to which a large number of citizens attended. There were thirty-six speakers, ten of whom were chosen for the prize speaking contest which will be held next month. Those selected were: Charles Holts, Charles Ludden, Charles Bartlett, Harold Bradford and Arthur Tucker among the boys, and Ora Woodward, Norma Heald, Eleanor Westgate, Elva Woodward and Katherine Holts among the girls. All of the students spoke in a creditable manner. The judges were Miss L. B. Treadwell, Mrs. Wm. A. Lucas and Mrs. Sidney A. Child.

Theron Woodward has been down from Rumford for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Woodward.

The remains of Jerry Flaherty, who passed away at Canton Point, will be placed in the receiving tomb, as no word has as yet been received from his people in Massachusetts.

Miss Ada Banney has been at home from Bates College for a visit.

A short entertainment followed by amusing games was enjoyed Friday evening at the close of the meeting of the Young Men's League. A treat of homemade confectionery and pop corn was served by the committee.

Mrs. Evelyn Dana has returned home from Southern Pines, N. C., where she has been spending the winter.

Dr. George H. Hamlin, D. D., associate secretary of the United Baptist State Convention, will occupy the pulpit of the F. B. Church, Sunday, Feb. 19th. Mr. Hamlin is an able speaker and many are looking forward to his coming with pleasure.

A meeting of high school principals and assistants of the towns of Canton, Jay, Livermore, Rumford, Mexico and Livermore Falls was held at the village schoolhouse, Canton, Saturday, with a good attendance. The meeting was conducted by Josiah W. Taylor, secondary agent for schools in Maine. A round table discussion pertaining to high school work occupied the principal part of the day. Mr. Marnes of Lebanon Academy was present. An appetizing dinner was served by the high school students at the vestry of the Universalist church.

The annual district meeting of Odd Fellows will be held with Penacook Lodge, No. 129, of Rumford, Tuesday evening, Feb. 20th.

The annual old folks hall was held at Union Hall, Canton Point, Friday evening with a good attendance. The ensemble orchestra furnished fine music.

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CORN GROWING.

Importance of Planting Methods Where Either Heat or Moisture is Liable to Be Deficient.

The methods employed in planting corn are especially important in regions where either moisture or heat is insufficient. The following suggestions, taken from Farmers' Bulletin 773, of the Office of Corn Investigations, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture.

Listing, or planting in furrows, is the most common and best method of planting corn in a large part of the semiarid area. It is not only economical, as it permits large acreages to be planted at the least cost, but it also benefits the plants at the time they are forming ears. Where the summers are long other crops, or another crop of corn, can be planted later in the season between the 7-foot rows if the seasonal rainfall proves sufficient.

The success of the crop depends upon having the corn reach the ear-forming period when moisture and heat are available at the same time. The chances are increasing by making a very early and a late planting of an early-maturing variety in one planter box and seed of a late-maturing variety in the other box increases the chances of having some plants reach the ear-forming period when moisture and heat are available at the same time.

Corn should not be covered with more than 1 1/2 or 2 inches of soil except when the surface is dry and it is necessary to plant deeper to reach moist soil. In cold, heavy soils 1 inch is sufficient.

In some semiarid sections early summer conditions are favorable for rapid growth. The plants make a tender, rapid growth and become larger than the later moisture supply will support. Listing retards this rapid early growth and is often a decided advantage on this account.

Where the seasons are very short, surface planting is better than listing, as the retarding of early growth leaves the plants insufficient time to reach maturity. Where surface planting is practiced on fairly level land it is usually advisable to plant in checks to permit cross cultivation. Cross cultivation breaks weed and grass control easier. It also assists cultivation, drying and warming a larger part of the soil surface.

A thin stand of plants is an essential feature of successful corn growing in regions of limited moisture supply. When planting is done with a lister in rows 3 to 3 1/2 feet apart, the plants should be one in a place and from 15 to 20 inches apart, depending upon the rainfall and the fertility and the water-holding capacity of the soil. In surface-planted corn with the hills 3 1/2 feet apart each way, the stand should not be thicker than two plants per hill. Even with the best of seed more kernels should be planted than the number of plants desired. Some young plants, mostly the weaker ones, will perish.

who passed away at Hartford Center, was held Saturday at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Howe, Miss L. B. Treadwell of the Canton F. B. church officiating. Mr. Thurston was 76 years of age and was a native of Churchview, Va. He had been a resident of Hartford but a short time. He was a fine christian man and had led a very exemplary life. The remains were placed in the tomb at Pine Woods cemetery, Canton.

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Mrs. Violet Diamond of Canton is at the McCarty Hospital, where she has had an operation performed upon her ankle which has given her serious trouble for a long time. Mrs. Diamond is a sister of Mr. James Kerr of Rumford, the contractor.

The chronic boozers of Rumford are put to their wits end to get liquor into Rumford in sufficient quantities to quench their thirst. For a few days they have had the stuff come by express from Berlin, N. H., via Mechanic Falls to Peru station and teams go down in the night from Rumford for it.

One consignment of seventy-five gallons of whiskey came in the middle of last week. But the next lot did not pass the censor at Mechanic Falls, and was sequestered in by the Deputy Sheriff at that place. Deviants are the ways and schemes to get the stuff in.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 20, Penacook Lodge, No. 130, I. O. O. F., of Rumford will entertain at the home rooms, Anasagunticook Lodge, No. 32, of Canton, Livemore Falls Lodge, No. 83, and Tuscan Lodge, No. 22, of Dixfield. A fine entertainment has been worked by the committee in charge of the event, and a splendid time is anticipated.

About 35 very much alive boys from Rumford attended the Boys' Conference held at Lewiston from Saturday to Monday. They were accompanied by the Rev. John M. Arters of Rumford, M. E. Church, C. Norton Mixer, D. M. Phelps, and M. A. Howard of Andover, acting as chaperones for the bunch.

James M. Plummer, a conductor in the employ of the Maine Central R. R., who lives in Rumford, and is temporarily on a through freight between Rumford and Waterville, was slightly injured on Saturday by the partial wrecking of a snow plow train between Lewiston and Brunswick. The engine car in which the crew were riding, was thrown from the track and turned on its side, with no serious damage except bruising the men badly.

The Searchlight Club will hold an "open afternoon" on Friday of this week, meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry S. Foke of Pine street. The ladies are to assemble at Mrs. Foke's residence at 11 in the morning, and will enjoy luncheon with Mrs. Foke as hostess. Several questions which have been awaiting discussion, will be taken up during the day, and among these is the question of making pajamas for the wounded soldiers of the allies, who are reported to be in great need of these.

Desford Eaton Relief Corps is the first local organization to hold a fair in the new city hall, this organization announcing their annual fair to be held on February 22. There will be the usual booths and sale of fancy articles in the afternoon, and refreshments will be served during the afternoon and through the supper hour. In the evening, a program will be given by the Girls' Band, by the Universalist Male Quartette, and other local artists. Mrs. Lewis Dowling is president of the Corps, and Mrs. Roy Schwind is chairman of the fair committee. The 5th grade of the Pettengill school has been secured for a drill and tableaux, recitations will be given including one by young Master Julius Israelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Israelson, and other equally appealing numbers.

Mr. Walter Lovejoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Lovejoy of Franklin street, who has been listed among the students of Dartmouth College since last September, has now obtained a transfer from that college to Bowdoin College, and will henceforth pursue his studies at that place.

Mrs. Newton Chase is convalescing from a case of the grip at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frederick O. Bates, of Franklin street.

Mrs. Carl Davis of the Virgile District is to entertain the Quilt Hat Wives Club on Thursday evening of this week. The club will meet at the residence of

WEST PARIS

Another blizzard storm came Friday and Saturday the wind had piled the snow so high that the rural mail carriers made only a small part of their routes. West Paris Grange had an all day session with degree work and an excellent program but only a small number of those expected were able to get there.

Several cars of a freight train were off the track at Snow's Falls, Tuesday morning, causing several hours delay in train service.

Mrs. Carroll Bacon is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lovejoy, in Portland. Mrs. F. E. Wheeler entertained the Good Will Society Wednesday afternoon. There was a large attendance. Ice cream and other dainty refreshments were served.

Vernal Bates of New Haven, Conn., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bates.

Levi Shedd remains in a very feeble condition and is confined to the bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Ricker have moved to Falmouth.

Mrs. Elvina Dennen, who has been spending several weeks at Woodstock with her niece, Mrs. E. B. Davis, has returned home.

The Misses Stanley of North Waterford have been recent guests of their sister, Mrs. Bernard Richardson.

Mrs. Almira Richardson of Dixville is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Churchill, and is assisting in the care of her sister, Stella, who is seriously ill with cancer.

Mrs. Emma H. Mann of Norway recently spent the day here on account of illness in the family of her son, Harrington Mann.

More particulars of meeting at Baptist church, Saturday, Feb. 17, spoken of last week. Program as follows: 10.30—Song service.

10.45—Prayer service led by G. A. Churchill, Pres. C. E. North Paris. 11.00—Address by Rev. G. H. Newton, South Paris.

11.30—Social service led by Mrs. A. D. Coburn, Pres. C. E. West Paris. 12.15—Basket lunch. Coffee served by Young People's Society.

1.30—Song service. 1.45—Prayer service led by Rev. Sarah Robinson. Music by Baptist Quartette.

2.00—Address by Rev. Will S. Colman, State President, Portland. Solo, "Alone," Ethel J. Scribner, East Otisfield.

3.00—Address by Rev. James A. White, General Secretary Baptist Young People's Societies of America. Music. Benediction.

Trusting all the young people and all those interested in young people's work will avail themselves of this opportunity. It is something that no one can afford to lose. An invitation has been extended to the local pastors and the young people's societies of the village.

Frank L. Willis has been very ill for the past week with cold, and fears have been entertained of pneumonia. Mr. Willis is with the family of Chas. Swan, who occupy his home near his mill, and J. W. Cummings is nursing him. Mr. Swan's family moved into the house last fall to board the mill help.

Miss Stella Churchill wishes to express her thanks to the many friends who remembered her by a post card shower last week. Miss Churchill and her family also desire to express their thanks and deep appreciation of the many kindnesses shown them during her illness.

The character and work of the Boy Scouts of America is neither novel nor backward in this community. A splendid witness to its value and to the interest it holds in the large gathering of Good Will Hall on Thursday evening, Feb. 8th, for celebrating the seventh anniversary of the founding of the organization in America.

In October, 1913, a troop was organized here with but four members. In the four years since thirty-two boys have been registered. Twenty-six of these are still residents of the community and remain in the troops. Three of those who have moved to other towns are members of troops of their new homes. Three of the four charter members are still active members here, two of whom are Eagle Scouts and continue to earn additional merit badges beyond the required 21 for which the Eagle rank is conferred. One of these Eagle Scouts, Rupert Berry, is serving his second year as assistant Scout Master.

Generously supplied tables were ready for the company which assembled for the celebration, the arrangement, except the home cooking, having been almost wholly completed by the boys, who also proved themselves as efficient in the kitchen after the supper.

Miss Grace McDaniel on Franklin street at 2.30 P. M., where, at the invitation of Mrs. Davis they will attend in a body the supper to be given by the Ladies of the Universalist church. From there they go to the home of Mrs. Davis for an evening of cards.

ANDOVER

The King's Daughters will meet this Thursday with Mrs. F. E. Leslie. Mrs. Clarence Hall and daughter spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week with her parents, Winthrop Akers and wife.

The Young People's Whist Club will observe "Gentlemen's Night," Thursday evening, Feb. 15.

Miss Ethel McAllister was at Rumford, Saturday.

Mr. M. A. Howard, as leader, and Ralph Akers, Theodore Howe, Henry Howard and Waldo Merrill returned Monday from the Boys' Conference at Lewiston.

Mrs. Frank Field is helping care for her daughter, Mrs. Irving Akers, who has a young son.

Mrs. Charles Howard and Mrs. Lucy Elliott from North Rumford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Andrews, Wednesday of last week.

About 4 inches of snow fell Saturday, Feb. 10, accompanied by a high wind, which blew Sunday and Monday, making many drifts.

The town schools closed Friday for a vacation.

Harry Lowe has bought out J. H. Abbott's store.

John Heway has returned to his duties at Camp Caribou, Farmachenee Lake.

The members of the high school are preparing a drama, to be given in the near future.

The Young People's Whist Club met Thursday evening, Feb. 8. Harry Thomas and Mrs. W. L. Jackson won the first prizes, and Arthur Lang and Mrs. C. B. Newton the second.

C. A. Rand has his new house ready for occupancy.

Cabot Lodge, K. of P., will observe its anniversary, Feb. 22, by giving a ball in the town hall.

Lone Mt. Grange will hold its regular all day meeting in the hall, Saturday.

The selectmen will be in session next week at their office to make out the town reports.

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per, as they had at their places about the well laid tables.

The fine message of National President Collin H. Livingston was read by Dr. F. E. Wheeler, representing the local examining committee. At 5.15 the boys all responded to the Master's call for Scout Salute, and the repeating of the Scout oath. The master, Rev. Dwight A. Ball, spoke briefly in appreciation of the loyalty of those men and women of the town who have given their sustained interest to the movement, citing the impression made by Scouting in this community as evidence of the excellent value of the whole movement to our country.

The Patrol leaders then gave several interesting and well planned demonstrations of various features of Scout activities. There were many hearty expressions of the conviction that the evening was a marked success and that the Scout influence and its products were valuable assets to the community.

Mrs. John F. Wood is again drilling the contestants chosen for the annual prize speaking of West Paris High School. Contestants are: Carl Emerson, 19; Edith Stevens, 19; Marjorie McAllister, 19; Sherman Billings, 19; Paul Whittem, 19; Erton Whittem, 19; Ralph Whitman, 20; Clarence Condit, 20; Edwin Trask, 20; Russell Briggs, 20.

The Junior class of West Paris High School are to present a drama some time in March.

Clarence Hays, an electrician in the navy, is visiting his sisters, Mrs. Carroll Bacon, Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Rowe.

Mrs. Mary Backman returned to her home with her son, Clarence, of Rochester, Mass. Mrs. Backman has been since August, some of the time in rooms at F. S. Farnum's, later with the family of Charles Curtis.

Rev. D. B. Holt held quarterly conference at the Methodist chapel last Tuesday.

Liva Back and Hattie Hilton are visiting in Boston.

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POTATOES AS FOOD. J. E. JONES' NEW PUBLICATION.

Perform Important Function in Keeping Body Tissues Alkaline—Methods of Preparation.

The general use of potatoes in the average family and the better customs prevailing in many homes in preparing the tubers for food are based on sound economic and dietetic reasons, according to specialists of the Office of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture. Studies of the preparation and use of potatoes as food are reported in Department of Agriculture Bulletin No. 408, recently issued.

Potatoes are easy to cook in a variety of ways. From the point of view of dietetics, they furnish starch in a readily digestible form, contain mineral substances of importance to the body, and—a fact less generally known—tend to make the tissues and fluids of the body alkaline, so counteracting the tendency of meats, eggs, fish, and like foods to create acid conditions.

Since the body finds its work best when its condition is either neutral or slightly alkaline, potatoes, like most vegetables, perform an important function in the diet besides furnishing energy-producing material. This scientific fact justifies the custom that is prevalent in many families of serving a goodly supply of potatoes or other vegetables with each helping of meat.

Potatoes, however, while a valuable addition to a mixed diet, alone are not suited to meet the needs of the body because of their poverty in proteins and fat. Of these latter important elements protein is furnished in meats, eggs, fish, milk, beans, and similar foods, and fat in butter, bacon, tallow, and the fats and oils used in cooking.

Greater care than commonly is exercised should be taken in peeling potatoes. Very often 20 per cent of the potato is pared away. This results not only in the waste of considerable potato but also in the loss of one of the most valuable portions of the tuber, since the soluble mineral salts are present in the material near the skin, which would be removed and thrown away. These salts can be preserved by a more careful removal of the skin, as by shallow paring or rubbing, and also by boiling or baking the potatoes in their jackets.

Paring before boiling, however, may be the most desirable method of cooking potatoes which through an undue exposure to light may have acquired a bitter taste, or those which have been kept until late in the spring, since in this way more of the disagreeable flavor is eliminated. Such potatoes may also be soaked before cooking.

While these methods may be desirable with potatoes which have been exposed to light, they result in the loss of considerable food value without compensating advantages when applied to new or well matured potatoes. If such potatoes are boiled after paring, they should be dropped into boiling water instead of being placed on the stove in cold water. By the latter method there is twice the loss of protein, or tissue building elements, resulting from the former. The loss of mineral matter is about the same by each method. There is no loss of starchy material in boiling unless portions of the tuber break off.

Practically the only loss when potatoes are baked in their skins is of the water which escapes as steam. The more or less common custom of pricking holes in the skin of baked potatoes or breaking them is explained by the fact that unless the steam which is formed inside the skin is allowed to escape it will change back into water and produce soggyness.

Potatoes which have turned green and sprouting tubers have present a considerable quantity of solanine, an acid poisonous substance which, though not dangerous in the quantities ordinarily met with, gives a disagreeable flavor. It is best, therefore, to avoid such potatoes or to eat out green or sprouting portions.

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POEMS WORTH READING

THE SUNNY HEART.
We need the summer heart in all our
work,
We need the sweetening heaven of
good will
To heal the constant ironies that irk,
To keep the spirit bright and joyous
still.
We need a happier state of mind for
teach,
A tenderer human thought for our
friends,
Each path a path of roses through the
soil
Where love on wings of golden
dreaming wends.

We need a surlier heart in all we do,
 For little tasks, our keeping bravely
 on
 When sometimes all the outlook seems
 so blue
 And shadows darken o'er the rainy
 dawn.
 We need a mellowed fortitude of life
 To keep us stalwart to the higher
 trust
 That helps with happy interludes the
 strife
 And decks the years with roses out

We need a saner heart in all we sing,
In all we suffer and in all we bear,
A lovelier sympathy for those that bring
To us the burden of their heavy care.
We need a larger purpose in our scheme,
The dauntless purpose that shall never quail
Whatever storms shall beat the heaven-
ly dream,
Whatever night may settle on the
vale

BY THE OLD HOME-FIRE.
The old home-fire where the red sparks
race
Up the broad-backed chimney, in the
old home place!
Hark for we're wanderers from its
fervid glances—
From the home ways slung through
the dark's still dreams!
Wandered weary in the far, false lights,
Yearning sadly for the old home
nights—
For the winter silence on the frost
flecked ways
And the broad-backed chimney with
the home fire's blaze!

The strange, thronged eddies of the
 clashing crowds;
 The bad lads climbing till they scar the
 clouds,
 The strife of toilers in the stern life
 fight
 of the days that die not in the hush of
 night!
 The tread of thousands on the thinner
 street,
 With hearts far aching for the silence
 sweet
 That fell in bleeding on the friendly
 glances
 of the old home fire where we read
 love's dream!

The traveler listens where the lost lives
 yearn;
 The Dark is calling to the Dark "Come
 home!"
 The level lights twinkle over sale and
 bill
 And the beams are waiting in the fire
 still;
 The winter sadness that is falling deep
 With healing sweetness—like the breath
 of sleep,
 From the dark or gathered where
 the false light streams,
 By the old housemen ye shall read
 Love's message!"

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LET ME GO BACK.
 Ah, mother mine, let me go back again
 And be the little lad I used to be!
 As full of innocence in thought and
 soul
 As when I sang, "I lay see," at
 your knee.

Oh, mother mine, let me go back to
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 And live once more back of wayward
 years
 From all my fear, and dare open my
 heart
 To gentle fall of kind, forgiving
 love
 Oh, mother mine, let me steal back
 tonight
 A time to gaze about me near the tree
 yet young
 You sang in the sweet World of Yea
 today,
 To launch across that new my path
 new thrice.

Dear mother mine, could I go back
 again
 To the old home, the hills and shady
 stream,
 I'd beg you keep the old that used to
 be.

As pure as when he wandered with
his dreams,

LEAVING THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

You're going to leave the homestead,
John,
You're twenty-one today.
And the old man will be sorry, John,
To see you go away.
You've labored late and early, John,
And done the best you could;
Ain't going to stop you, John,
I wouldn't if I could.

"I feel something of your feelings, John.
 I guess I ought to know,
 though many a day has passed away—
 'Twas forty years ago,
 When hope was high within my, John,
 And life lay all before—
 That I, with strong and measured stroke,
 "Cut loose" and pulled from shore.
 The years, they came and go, my boy.
 The years, they come and go—
 And raven locks and tresses brown
 Grow white as driven snow.
 My life has known its sorrows, John,
 Its trials and troubles sore;
 Yet God withal has blessed me, John,
 "In basket and in store."

Not one thing let me tell you, John,
 Before you make your start,
 There's more in being honest, John,
 'Twice o'er than being smart;
 Though rogues may seem to flourish,
 John,
 And sterling worth to fail,
 Still keep in view the good and true;
 'Twill in the end prevail.

Don't think too much of money, John.
And dig and delve and plan,
And rake and scrape in every shape,
To hoard up all you can.
Though fools may count their riches,
John,
To define, pounds or pence,
The best of wealth is youth and health,
And good sound common sense.

and don't be mean or stingy, John,
 but lay a little by
 if want you care; you soon will learn
 how fast 'twill multiply.
 So when old age comes creeping on,
 You'll have a goodly store
 of wealth to furnish all your needs—
 And maybe something more.

fate's shorter cuts to fortune, John.
 We see them every day;
 not those who lose their self-respect
 "limb up the good old way."
 All is not gold that glitters," John,
 And makes the vulgar stare,
 not those we deem the richest, John,
 Have off the least to spare.

don't meddle with your neighbors,
 John,
 Their sorrows or their rages;
 an'll find enough to do, my boy,
 To mind your own affairs.
 The world is full of idle tongues--
 You can afford to shirk;
 There's lots of people ready, John,
 To do such dirty work.

and if amid the race for fame
You win a shining prize,
The humble worth of honest men
You never should despise;
For earth one has his mission, John,
In life's unchanging plan—
Though lowly be his station, John,
He is no less a man.

Be good, be pure, be noble, John,
Be honest, brave and true;
But do to others as ye would
That they should do to you,
And place your trust in God, my boy,
"Though fiery darts be hurled!"
Then you can smile at Satan's rage,
And face a frowning world.

ood by! May heaven guard and bless
Your footsteps day by day;
No old house will be lonesome, John,
When you are gone away.
No cricket's song upon the hearth
Will have a sadder tone;
No old familiar spots will be
So lonely when you're gone.

HOW TO USE SKIM MILK.

There are many places in which skim milk is not used as completely as it should be. On the farms there is often much cream can be profitably fed to calves and pigs. In stockyards much of it is sold into cottage cheese, but even then when they, which is really rich in milk solids, goes to waste.

Many people do not realize how nutritious skim milk is. They imagine that because it so generally has little or no commercial value it is hardly fit for human food. As a food it is not so unobtainable as whole milk, and can well take the place of the latter in the diet of children. Nevertheless, skim milk should be used to great advantage in connection with other food materials, especially in cooking, and is altogether so valuable to be wasted, according to the views of economic specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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ounces, or a little more than 2 pounds, nearly 30 ounces of which is water. The remaining solid matter contains very useful food materials. Slightly more than 1 ounce is protein, a very important muscle builder, and one of the most expensive of the substances needed by the body. About 1 1/3 ounces consists of butter fat, and 1 2/3 ounces of milk sugar. These two materials are used by the body to provide with energy, much the same as fuel is used to produce steam and power in the engine. The quart of milk also contains about one quarter of an ounce of mineral matter, small quantities of which are very necessary for the growth and general upkeep of the body.

As the fat is separated to form the cream some of the protein, milk sugar, and mineral matter go with it, but by no means all. The protein remains; therefore a quart of separator-skimmed milk provides slightly more of this indispensable and costly material than does a quart of whole milk. It contains in all about 1.3 ounces of protein, 1.4 ounces of milk sugar, about one-quarter of an ounce of mineral matter, and a little fat, the last named being, of course, upon the complete removal of the preparation. This means that, quart for quart, it would furnish

milk sugar than whole milk does, and practically the same quantity of mineral matter, though far less fat. In other words, as a tissue builder it is equal to whole milk, and as an energy material not nearly so good. Hence, as usual, the tissue-building materials are contained in the more expensive foods, such as eggs, etc., and the energy yielding materials can be largely provided by the cheaper foods (flour and other cereal foods, fats, potatoes, etc.) It seems almost wasteful not to use skim milk.

Those who buy milk seldom have a chance to use it with such freedom as the various chemists in our own town. Text there is concerning it we are giving is shown by the following: A quart of whole milk usually sells for the same price as a half pint of cream, which contains about one-fifth ounce of protein, 1.2 ounces of fat, and about one-third ounce of milk sugar, and a very little mineral substance. If this is compared with a quart of whole milk, which very commonly can be purchased for the same sum, it will be seen that the purchaser is buying a half pint of cream instead of a quart of milk, and loses nearly an ounce of protein, 1.5 ounces of sugar, and one-third ounce of mineral matter.

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Follow Science.

This is the day of progress. We fly in the air though nature intended that as the domain of the birds. We travel under the sea though nature intended that as the domain of the fishes. We do today what we thought was impossible yesterday with the help of science instead of merely following nature. And so today the poultryman must follow science instead of nature. Since it is against the nature of the bird to lay an egg in winter, the very time when eggs are highest in price, and we want them most, we must feed something that will stimulate action and produce the desired result. Feed must be better and easier to assimilate than nature intended. The bird must have more care and more warmth than under natural conditions. Demanding unnatural results, we must employ unnatural methods.

Well Balanced Rations.

A certain percentage of the failures certainly met with by poultrymen is directly due to the matter of feeding. You can ruin an entire flock in a very short time by improper and careless handling. Feed well balanced rations and by a "well balanced ration" we mean a food that contains all the elements that the bird needs and which at the same time insures the health of the fowl.

Experiments show that with a good mash containing the proper concentration of materials, the selection of grains used in connection is not of such great importance as is sometimes imagined. The fowls appreciate a change of food occasionally, however, and as one or two grains when fed constantly will afford the variety of food that is so necessary. A change of rations from time to time is therefore desirable.

Again, since grains are too high priced in certain districts to make their constant use advisable, and therefore it naturally follows that cheaper grains will be used. This is another reason for the varied feeding rations that are offered the poultryman.

Many Grains Used.

In sections where wheat, corn and oats are obtainable at a reasonable price, these are used largely as a grain feed, but there are others that could be used to just as good advantage, and at the same time add variety. It is not necessary to have a large variety of foods but the fowls do appreciate a change in their feed. As the seasons change, vary the proportion of the grains used and this is especially advisable when the winter is severe.

Other Foods Necessary.

Remember that grain alone does not make a complete feed. Grains must be supplemented by a proper supply of green food, animal matter, minerals and stimulating materials. Here we enter into a very broad field which is well worth the most careful study. We will try here to explain the different food elements such as proteins, carbohydrates, etc., but will take these up and explain them in a simple way in a succeeding article.

While fowls want variety in their feed, do not change the feeding rations suddenly or too often. If you do, you will very likely discover that it has a bad effect upon your birds.

VESICULAR STOMATITIS.

Particularly Dangerous Because It May Conceal the Presence of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

The outbreak last fall of vesicular stomatitis among horses and mules intended for shipment abroad has led Federal specialists in animal diseases to urge the imposition by State live-stock officials of local quarantine wherever this disease is discovered. All owners and handlers of horses, mules, and cattle, particularly live-stock managers of stockyards, and stockmen should be directed to separate sick from well animals, to clean and disinfect contaminated premises, and to have all the infected animals appropriately treated.

These precautionary measures are rendered particularly desirable because of the close resemblance of vesicular stomatitis to foot-and-mouth disease, and because of the fact that vesicular stomatitis will spread from horses to cattle. It is difficult to distinguish at once between the two diseases, and as long, therefore, as vesicular stomatitis exists in the country there is danger that a case of foot-and-mouth disease might be mistaken for it.

Vesicular stomatitis is not of as great economic importance as the foot-and-mouth disease, and it is apparently conveyed only by direct contact, whereas foot-and-mouth disease may spread in any one of a great number of ways. Furthermore, vesicular stomatitis afflicts cattle and horses but not, apparently, hogs and sheep; while foot-and-mouth disease is dangerous to hogs and sheep as well as to cattle, but rarely to horses.

The most striking symptom of vesicular stomatitis is the occurrence of vesicles or blisters followed by erosions in the mouth and occasionally in the muzzle, but chiefly on the tongue. These vesicles and erosions are accompanied by drooling and produce in the affected animal an appearance similar to that caused by foot-and-mouth disease. On the other hand, the sores in the feet which is a common symptom of foot-and-mouth disease is absent. Another difference is that vesicular stomatitis is not as a rule ushered in by any apparent rise of temperature.

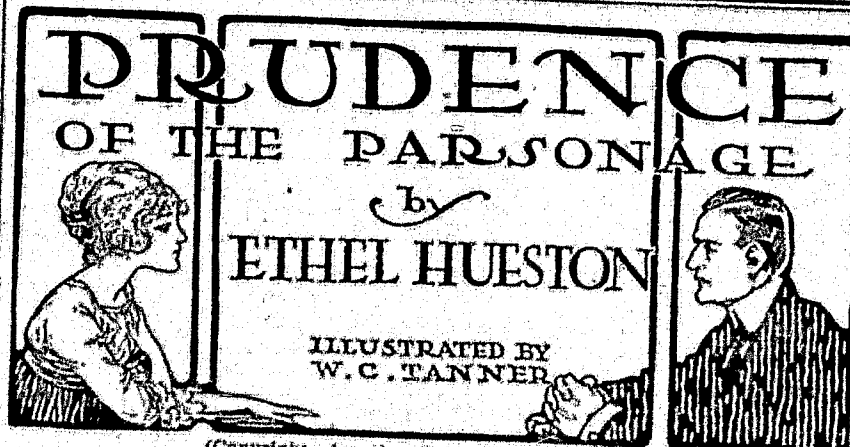
The two diseases, however, are so similar in their effect upon the appearance of the animal that it requires a trained veterinarian to distinguish accurately between them, and a positive diagnosis can scarcely be made without inoculating other animals and observing the results carefully for several days. The resemblance between the two diseases is regarded as closer than that between either myxotic or necrotic stomatitis and foot-and-mouth.

It is apparent, therefore, that the presence of vesicular stomatitis in the country is dangerous not only because of the injury it causes in itself, but chiefly because of the risk that a case of foot-and-mouth disease might be mistaken for it.

In the outbreak last fall a shipment of cattle from Nebraska to the Kansas City stockyards was found to include animals affected with lesions strikingly similar to those of foot-and-mouth disease. It was only after careful and comprehensive examinations that the authorities were convinced that the disease was not foot-and-mouth but vesicular stomatitis. In the meantime outgoing shipments from the yards were stopped, the infected shipment traced back to its point of origin in western Nebraska, and other precautionary measures taken. It has been learned that the disease was spread to the cattle in the Kansas City shipment from a heavy farm in Chase County, Nebraska, which became infected by the return of several horses rejected by a railroad sent to Denver for Army purposes. At this point and at Brand Island, Nebraska, horses and mules had been gathered together in considerable numbers for shipment. The disease appears to have broken out here and to have found ideal conditions for its spread among the thousands of animals closely quartered in barns and pens.

After the discovery of the existence of the disease, sick animals were separated from the well, those which were healthy but had been exposed to infection were held for eight days before being shipped, infected pens were cleaned and disinfected, and the mouths of sick animals were thoroughly washed with a weak solution of permanganate of potassium.

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CHAPTER I.—Prudence Starr, eldest of five motherless girls, comes to the Methodist parsonage at Mount Mark, as house mother for her father, the Methodist minister.

CHAPTER II.—The girls entertain a visiting minister at luncheon, to his discomfort. Carol, one of the twins, rides the family cow with disastrous results.

CHAPTER III.—The Ladies' Aid.

Now, this really was a crisis in the life of the parsonage family. The girls and met, separately, every member of the Ladies' Aid. But this was their first combined movement upon the parsonage, and Prudence and Fairy realized that much depended on the success of the day. As girls, the whole Methodist church pronounced the young Stars charming. But as parsonage people—well, they were obliged to reserve judgment. And as for Prudence having entire charge of the household, it must be acknowledged that every individual lady looked forward to this meeting with eagerness—they wanted to "size up" the situation. They were coming to see for themselves! Yes, it was undoubtedly a crisis.

"There'll be a crowd, of course," said Fairy. "Well, just leave the doors between the front rooms open." "Yes, but we'll close the dining-room doors. Then we'll have the refreshments all out on the table, and when we are ready we'll just fling back the doors carelessly—and there you are!" So the table was prettily decorated with flowers, and great plates of sandwiches and cake were placed upon it. In the center was an enormous punch-bowl, borrowed from the Averys, full of lemonade. Glasses were properly arranged on the trays, and piles of neatly home-laundered napkins were scattered here and there. The girls felt that the dining room was a credit to them, and to the Methodist church entire.

From every nook and corner of the house they hunted out chairs and stools, anticipating a real run upon the parsonage. Nor were they disappointed. The twins and Connie were not even arrayed in their plain little gingham dresses, before the first arrivals were ushered up into the front bedroom, ordinarily occupied by Prudence and Fairy.

"There's Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Prentiss, and Mrs.," began Connie, listening intently to the voices in the next room.

"Yes," whispered Carol, "peek through the keyhole, Lark, and see if Mrs. Prentiss is looking under the bed for dust. They say she—"

"You'd better not let Prudence catch you repeating—"

"There's Mrs. Stone, and Mrs. Davis, and—"

"They say Mrs. Davis only belongs to the Ladies' Aid for the sake of the refreshments, and—"

"Carol! Prudence will punish you!" "Well, I don't believe it," protested Carol. "I'm just telling you what I've heard other people say."

"We aren't allowed to repeat gossip," urged Lark.

"No, and I think it's a shame, too, for it's awfully funny. Miss Drake told me that Miss Vane joined the Methodist church as soon as she heard the minister was a widower, so she—"

"Carol!" Carol whistled around sharply, and flushed, and swallowed hard. For Prudence was just behind her.

"I—I—I—" but she could get no farther.

Upon occasion Prudence was quite terrible. "So I heard," she said dryly, but her eyes were hard. "Now run up stairs and out to the field, or to the barn and play. And, Carol, be sure I might forget it."

The girls ran quickly out, Carol well in the lead.

"No wedding fee for me!" she mumbled bitterly. "Somehow I just can't help repeating—"

"You don't want to," said Lark, not without sympathy. "You think it's such fun, you know."

"Well, anyhow, I'm sure I won't get any cake tonight. It seems to me Prudence is very—harsh sometimes."

"You can appeal to father, if you like."

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Methodist parsonage, where, if you have but two dishes of oatmeal, the outsider is welcome to one. That is Carol's description of parsonage life.

But Prudence was concerned to observe that a big easy chair placed well back in a secluded corner, seemed to be giving dissatisfaction. It was Mrs. Adams who sat there first. She squirmed quite a little, and seemed to be gripping the arms of the chair with unnecessary fervor. Presently she summoned an excuse, and, rising, went into the other room. After that, Mrs. Miller, then Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Norey, and Mrs. Reed, in turn, sat there—and did not stay. Prudence was quite agitated. Had the awful twins filled it with needles for the reception of the poor Ladies? At first opportunity she hurried into the secluded corner, intent upon trying the chair for herself. She sat down anxiously. Then she gasped and clutched frantically at the arm of the chair. For she discovered at once to her dismay that the chair was not formless, and that only by hanging on for her life could she keep from dropping through.

Up rose Prudence, conscientiously pulling after her the thin cushion which had concealed the chair's shortcomings. "Look, Fairy!" she cried. "Did you take the bottom out of this chair? It must have been horribly uncomfortable for those who have sat there! However did it happen?" Fairy was frankly amazed, and a little indignant.

"I know nothing about it," she said tersely. "Ask the twins!"

At that moment, the luckless Carol went running through the hall. Prudence knew it was she, without seeing, because she had a peculiar skipping run that was quite characteristic and unmistakable.

"Carol!" she called.

"And Carol passed imperatively."

"Carol!" Carol slowly opened the door—she was a parsonage girl and rose to the occasion. She smiled winsomely—Carol was always winsome.

"How do you do?" she said brightly. "Isn't it a lovely day? Did you call me, Prudence?"

"Yes. Do you know where the bottom of that chair has gone?"

"Why no, Prudence—gracious! That chair—why, I didn't know you were going to bring that chair in here. Why—oh, I am so sorry! Why in the world didn't you tell us beforehand?"

Some of the Ladies smiled. Others lifted their brows and shoulders in a mildly suggestive way, that Prudence, after sixteen years in the parsonage, had learned to know and dread.

"And where is the chair-bottom now?" she inquired. "And why did you take it?"

"Why, we wanted to make—"

"You and Lark?"

"Well, yes—but it was really all my fault, you know. We wanted to make a seat up high in the peach tree, and the bottom of the chair was just fine. It's a perfectly adorable seat! Just fine, but sobering again as she realized the gravity of the occasion. And she put the cushion in the chair so that it wouldn't be noticed. We never use that chair, you know. I'm so sorry about it."

Carol was really quite crushed, but true to her parsonage training, she struggled valiantly and presently brought forth a crumpled and sickly smile.

"But Prudence smiled at her kindly. "That wasn't very naughty, Carol," she said frankly. "It's true that we set so close that chair. And we ought to have looked!" She glanced reproachfully at Fairy. "It is strange that in doing it, Fairy—but never mind. You may go now, Carol. It is all right."

Then she apologized gently to the Ladies, and the conversationally continued of keen and quizzical eyes turned her way. Evidently they thought she was too lenient.

"Well, it wasn't very naughty," she thought wretchedly. "How can I pretend it was terribly bad, when I feel in my heart that it wasn't?"

The meeting progressed, and the business was presently disposed of. So far, things were not too seriously bad, and Prudence sighed in great relief. Then the Ladies took out their sewing, and began industriously working at many articles, designed for the clothing of a lot of young Methodists confined in an orphan's home in Chicago. And they talked together pleasantly and gayly. And Prudence and Fairy felt that the cloud was lifted.

But soon it settled again, dark and lowering. Prudence heard Lark running through the hall and her soul intruded. To be sure, her mission might be innocent, but Prudence dared not run the risk. Fortunately she was sitting near the door.

"Lark!" she called softly. Lark stopped abruptly, and something fell to the floor.

"Lark!" The Ladies smiled, and Miss Carr, laughing lightly, said, "This is an attentive creature, isn't she?" Prudence would gladly have done



"Isn't That a Handsome Venus?"

"Oh, are you ready?" cried Carol. "How time has flown! We had no idea you'd be ready so soon. Oh, we are sorry, Prudence. We intended to have everything fixed properly for you again. We needed a flat place for our modeling. It's a shame, that's what it is. Isn't that a handsome Venus? I did that!—If you'll just shut the door one minute, Prudence, we'll have everything exactly as you left it. And we're as sorry as we can be. You can have my Venus for a centerpiece, if you like."

Prudence silently closed the doors, and the Ladies, laughing significantly, drew away.

"Don't you think, my dear," began Mrs. Prentiss too sweetly, "that they are a little more than you can manage? Don't you really think an older woman is needed?"

"I do not think so," cried Fairy, before her sister could speak, "no older woman could be kinder, or sweeter, or more patient and helpful than Prudence." "Undoubtedly true," but something more is needed, I am afraid! It appears that girls are a little more disorderly than in my own young days! Perhaps I do not judge adversely, but it seems to me they are a little—unmanageable."

"Indeed they are not," cried Prudence loyally. "They are young, lively, mischievous, I know—and I am glad of it. But I have lived with them ever since they were born, and I ought to know them. They are unselfish, they are sympathetic, they are always generous. They do foolish and irritating things—but never things that are hateful and mean. They are all right at heart, and that is all that counts. They are not bad girls! What have they done today? They were exasperating, and humiliating, too, but what did they do that was really mean? They embarrassed and mortified me, but not intentionally! I can punish them for the effect on me, you know! Would that be just or fair? At heart, they meant no harm."

It must be confessed that there were many serious faces among the Ladies. Some cheeks were flushed, some eyes were downcast, some lips were compressed and some were trembling. Every mother there was asking in her heart, "Did I punish my children just for the effect on me? Did I judge my children by what was in their hearts, or just by the trouble they made me?" And the silence lasted so long that it became awkward. Finally Mrs. Prentiss crossed the room and stood by Prudence's side. She laid a hand tenderly on the young girl's arm, and said in a voice that was slightly tremulous, "I believe you are right, my dear. It is what girls are at heart that really counts. I believe your sisters are all just as you are. And one thing I am very sure of—they are happy girls to have a sister so patient and loving and just. Not all real mothers have as much to their credit!"

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OUR OWN COMMUNITY.

Written and Read by Ralph M. Bacon at Oxford County Pomona.

The great county of Oxford which comprises such a large section of Maine, forming the western boundary line of our State for practically one hundred miles, is a community which we who are members of Oxford and New Oxford Pomona Granges are proud to claim as our own. Other sections may boast of larger areas and larger population; but no section can surpass "Old Oxford" in the beauty, and grandeur of its hills and mountains, its many beautiful lakes and streams—streams that flow through the valleys; its forests, farms and villages and its people among which there are none better in all this great land of ours.

This is emphatically the hill region of Maine. Coming up from Portland we hardly cross the boundary line before we notice hills and mountains appearing all about us, not like the low rolling hills of the country to the south; but sharp rugged peaks—showing this to be the borderland of the White Mountains of New Hampshire; as we advance northward the hills and mountains become higher until in "Old Oxford" in the town of Grafton we have a peak acknowledged to be the second highest in Maine; and claimed by many to be even higher than Mt. Katahdin. Probably no section of the State as containing a larger number of lakes and ponds; also two large rivers of Maine flow through the county, the Androscoggin and Saco, these together with the smaller streams furnish valuable water power; in the river valleys we find large areas of good farm land. The hills and uplands are especially adapted to fruit and Oxford county is considered one of the leading fruit sections of Maine. We have three divisions of Maine Central in the south western part, the Grand Trunk in the central and the Bangor Division of the Maine Central in the eastern section. Along these lines are located the principal towns. Rustling, up to date little places, with locations of development unsurpassed by any in New England. There are thirty-five incorporated towns. Three organized plantations, besides many unorganized townships.

Rumford, Paris, Mexico and Bethel are the largest towns and centers of business. Rumford, Oxford, Buckfield, Bethel and Canton are next in order. Rumford, our great metropolis, has the largest water power in New England, and is also one of the leading industrial centers of Maine. The Androscoggin at this point takes a fall of 180 feet in less than a mile, furnishing 5,000 horse power, of which only a part has been utilized, in manufacturing paper and paper products. Paris ranks second with business centers at South and West Paris and the beautiful village of Paris Hill. It is largely agricultural, while the products of the toy factories are known the world over. It is the shoe town and the county buildings are among the best in the State.

Norway ranks third in population; but second as a trade center, with stores that compare favorably with those in larger places. Its farms and forests are among the best. Beautiful Lake Umbagog is bringing the town into prominence as a summer resort. The shoe factories and other industries tend to make Norway a wide awake town.

Mexico is a fast growing community and has become one of the large towns in the fact that it forms a residential section for those who work in the paper city.

Bethel is finely located and is one of the most beautiful towns, with its beautiful surrounding with guests. It has several industries and is a trade center for a considerable area.

Among the smaller towns are Waterford with its fine farms. Andover, that beautiful, thriving little village at the edge of the forest. Hallowell with its Androscoggin and State mansions. Woodville with its Spruce Mountain and beautiful Lake Umbagog. Mexico, the smallest in the county, and third smallest in Maine and all the other towns are as worthy of mention if time would permit.

Altogether it would be hard to find a better section than up here among the hills and lakes of old Oxford. We are glad we live here where we have so many good things to enjoy with such beautiful scenery all around us. There has been here just what we need up to us as good citizens to see that we do our part; for there is a work to be done here as well as in other parts of our State and country, and only a work for our country to generate but a work for home in our own town, as citizens we owe duty to our nation, our State and our local community. While as far as we do not neglect our duty as far as the nation or State is concerned, yet many of us are apt to overlook the things nearer home. We fail to realize how much of our happiness and prosperity depends upon conditions right in our own home town.

The affairs of the nation and State affect us indirectly to a greater or less degree; but we are directly affected by conditions in our local community. We are not doing our full duty as American citizens unless we are doing what we can to make the town in which we live, a better town not only for ourselves, but for those who are to follow. Just in proportion as each town in Oxford county becomes a better county, and Maine will advance as a State only as each town and county advances. We are all independent units yet dependent on each other, so the progress of our little community has its effect upon all the rest.

Every town in Oxford county has its natural resources and possibilities. Nature has done something to give it a reason for its existence. It was one of Ramford's farmers who first realized the great possibilities of his town, and through his efforts outside capital was interested and the great work of developing the immense water power of Rumford Falls was carried out. Some of our towns have greater resources than others, but there are none but offer opportunity for growth and development.

Throughout the county the farming interests play a large and important part, and is practically the leading industry. How important to the welfare of every town that its farms be made to pay, for farming is a business and no business can stand long unless it pays for the work and energy put into it. As farmers and business men we must cooperate through our Grange Farmers' Unions and other organizations; not alone for the better profits we may receive but for the advancement and prosperity of our own community as well.

In former days people formed their opinion of a town, largely from the appearance of its village and business center. In these days of the automobile a town is judged just as much by the appearance of its farm, and we should remember that it is not only a duty to ourselves but a civic duty as well to keep our farms and buildings in as neat and attractive condition as possible.

If the towns in Oxford county are to grow and prosper as they should, it is essential that the citizens should unite their efforts in advancing the town interests, all should become better acquainted. The telephone and automobile are fast making this possible. There is no limit to what the citizens of a town can accomplish in the uplifting of their community. Every town needs better schools, better roads, industries giving employment to the young people so they will not leave their home town upon graduating from high school, and many other improvements which individuals alone could not secure, but by united effort can be made possible.

There is no end to the work before us; but surely there is no better work than in helping to make our own community just a little better for all about us. We are proud of "Old Oxford" and the county, feeling that its future shall be even better than its past. It depends on us as individuals how well we manage the business of the farm, the factory or the store, or perform the duties of citizenship as to what rank and place we attain. The boys and girls of Oxford did not fail in the past. We know they are not going to fail in the future. Those little towns among the hills and lakes will become better towns because we shall make them so by doing our duty by our town and county. We shall make Maine a better State among the Union of States of our own America, the best country in all the world.

BRYANT'S POND.

Delmarie A. Cole has been drawn to serve as traverse juror at the March term of court.

Arthur (Coolidge) of Portland was in town last week, visiting at the home of Mr. Wing.

W. H. Barker of West Paris was in town on business, Friday. Many of the citizens signed his petition for the appointment of Charles P. Gray of Portland as chief game warden of the county.

The program is announced this week for the eighth annual military ball to be given March 2nd, under the management of Mr. Christopher C. No. 41. The affair will be in charge of Capt. Thomas W. Gordon and Miss Webster's orchestra of eight pieces will entertain the company. Two exhibition drills will be given, one by a company of boys under drill master F. M. Morse.

Mrs. Olin H. Sanborn passed away Thursday, Feb. 8, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cora J. Perkins. She was 83 years of age and a native of Sanford, in York County, and her family have been residents of the town for many years. Mr. Sanborn died in the winter of 1914. Besides the daughter mentioned above she is survived by a son, Harry Sanborn, and a daughter, Edna B. and Miss Mildred Perkins. The funeral was held on Sunday, attended by Rev. R. H. Storer of this village.

PORTLAND AUTOMOBILE SHOW.

When the doors of Portland's Exposition Building are thrown open Monday, February 19, at 10:30 in the morning, a display of motor cars valued at nearly a million dollars will greet the public.

This year a bigger and better show has been arranged than has ever been held in the State of Maine.

The entire first floor will be given over to the display of pleasure cars and with a background of thousands of electric lights entwined with gasoline stoves, the beauty of the various models will make a truly wonderful picture.

In the center of the hall will be located the Ladies' Boston Orchestra which proved such a success at the show last season and which was engaged this year at the special request of hundreds of patrons of last year's show.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the management announces that it has been able to secure as one of the soloists for the week Mary Desmond, the famous English contralto. Miss Desmond made a decided hit at the Albee Bazaar recently held in Boston and is no stranger to the Portland public as many will remember her beautiful voice as she sang here in 1910 at the Music Festival.

The placement of the big exposition building will contain displays of pleasure cars, trucks and accessories; every inch of space that this mammoth building contains has been allotted and a number of firms are on the waiting list. Reports received by Howard B. Chandler, manager of the show, from all parts of the State, demonstrate that a great deal more interest is being shown this year than ever before and record crowds are looked for during the entire week.

Every little detail looking forward to the comfort of the patrons of the show has been attended to, and when the show opens Monday morning, Feb. 19, there will be no tag ends, everything will be in readiness and every exhibit in place.

The Portland Automobile Show has come to be recognized as one of the big events in Motordom in New England and this year's exhibitions will be the largest ever attempted by the Portland Automobile Dealers Association.

SOY BEAN USEFUL CROP.

May Be Utilized in Greater Number of Ways Than Almost Any Other Agricultural Product.

The soy bean, which already is one of the most important cash crops of Asia and which promises to take an important place in the agricultural industry of the United States, may be utilized in a greater number and a greater variety of ways than almost any other agricultural product. The whole beans may be utilized for food as are the seeds of other legumes, or as the oil alone may be consumed. The oil resembles that of cotton seed in many ways, but is of a more pronounced drying character. In addition to its availability as a food, soybean oil has found important uses in the markets of the world for making paints, varnishes, soaps, rubber substitutes, linoleum, waterproof goods, and lubricants. It is also used in the Orient for lighting and in the manufacture of printing ink.

In Japan the soy bean forms one of the most important articles of food in use. It is one of the principal ingredients in the manufacture of soy sauce (soy sauce), miso (bean cheese), tofu (bean curd), and natto (steamed beans). The beans are eaten also as a vegetable and in soups; sometimes they are pickled green, boiled, and served cold with soy sauce, and sometimes as a salad. A "vegetable milk" is also produced from the soy bean, forming the basis for the manufacture of the different kinds of vegetable cheese. This milk is used fresh, and a form of condensed milk is manufactured from it. All of these foodstuffs are used daily in Japanese homes, and for the poorer classes are the principal source of protein.

The use of the meal remaining after the oil is extracted from soy beans has become an important factor in several European countries during the last few years, and to some extent in America, as a food of low starch content. Soy beans contain at the most but a slight trace of starch, and extensive experiments in America and Europe indicate the value of the bean and its products as the basis of food for persons requiring a low starch diet. Soy bean flour enters largely as a constituent in many of the so-called diabetic breads, biscuits, and crackers made for such people. The flour or meal can be used successfully in the household as a constituent of muffins, bread, and biscuits in much the way in which corn meal is used.

Soy-Bean Milk.

An artificial milk like that manufactured in the Orient has been produced in small quantities in the United States, and recently a factory has been equipped to make this product.

WEST PERU.

Chas. Child is on the gain but not able to get out doors.

Mrs. Daniel Lovejoy is spending a few weeks with friends in Massachusetts.

The Old Grange Reunion will be held at the Grange Hall here, Wednesday evening.

Geraldine, the little daughter of Elmer Farrar, was quite ill the past week. Dr. J. H. Starkey was called.

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Such milk can be used for cooking in the household and by bakers, confectioners, and chocolate manufacturers. If, however, the milk from the soy bean is used in the manufacture of products as a substitute for milk, the labels of such products should indicate that the substitution has been made; otherwise it would constitute adulteration under the Food and Drug Act.

In addition to its uses for flour and milk, the soy bean can be prepared as human food in numerous ways. The green bean, when from three-fourths to full grown, has been found to compare favorably with the butter or Lima bean. The soy bean has been utilized not only in the United States but in European countries as a substitute for the coffee bean. When roasted and prepared, it makes an excellent substitute for coffee. In Asia the dried beans, especially the green-podded varieties, are soaked in salt water and then roasted, this product being eaten after the manner of roasted peanuts.

The value of soy-bean meal for producing meat, milk, and butter is well established. It is one of the cheapest of the highly nitrogenous feeding stuffs and is therefore one of the most economical for balancing rations deficient in nitrogen. Its use in America is confined at the present time almost entirely to the Pacific States, where it is considered a value food not only by dairymen, but also by poultrymen. Owing to its high content of protein, the meal should be used with the same precautions as are observed with other highly concentrated feeds to avoid digestive troubles. As regards digestibility, soy-bean meal compares very favorably with other oil meals.

The utilization of soy-bean meal for fertilizing purposes has been confined almost entirely to Asiatic countries. Following the recent production in the Southern States of bean cake and oil from American grown beans, however, fertilizer manufacturers have taken an active interest in the fertilizing possibilities of the meal. Analyses by the United States Department of Agriculture have shown that while soybean meal, like cottonseed meal, has a high fertilizing value when applied directly, a more economical practice would be to feed the meal to stock and apply the resulting manure to the soil.

Soy-Bean Oil.

In the United States two methods of extracting oil from soy beans—the hydraulic and the expeller processes—are used by oil mills, the latter producing the highest yields. Extensive tests with domestic beans indicate that 1 ton of seed will yield by the expeller process an average of 30 gallons of oil and 1,000 pounds of meal, the difference (about 175 pounds) representing the loss due to cleaning and the evaporation of moisture driven off after the beans have been crushed and heated.

It isn't always the fellow with the broadest shoulders who carries off the most honors.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

GAULLETS TALKS.

Some of the Wall Street Gamblers have "dreams," and like the fabled Dragon Army, their recent actual happenings that may lead to the unfolding of the source of knowledge of important private state documents in the financial markets. When the inquiry was made by Washington the politicians were politely evaded, but were not so evasive in Washington were quickly pumped dry; and then the Congressmen moved on to New York. Under a close examination it has developed that some of the Wall Street gamblers have more than just a feeling of being in the know; they have a regular channel of information has been opened through which information has been obtained from the big business centers and the highest official circles. There are 400 savings that tell about "insiders" among the lowest classes of human beings, and it is through this secret, which is carefully protected by gamblers, that the Congressmen are being kept in the dark. There are a lot of people like Lawson who are "there," and many of them are likely to "spill the beans" at any time.

PARTY ABOVE PRINCIPLES.

The new financial administration has spent all its energies in Washington. In fact, Congressmen had just finished their work on private legislation. The United States by a strict party vote followed President Wilson's wishes with respect to preparing detailed debate on the party program. There was but one dissent to the Administration, and that was Senator Martin of New Jersey. Mr. Martin is making somewhat of a show of himself by opposing all Wilson measures, and the general impression is that his center is supported by his district for reelection and is not dissatisfied with the President. Senator Townsend is not so much with having attacked the Wilson policy with reference to peace on the political grounds, but his action is on the broader basis of difference in opinion as to the principle involved. Senator Lodge is also dissatisfied in his attitude, as he has always been regarded as the mouthpiece of New England financial interests.

GRIPPING STRUGGLES OF STATES.

When every other form of political strategy fails, the rights of the States to act independently of the federal government, is a favorite method of avoiding the issue, or is brought forward as an argument of defeat the Negroed reform that came before Congress, at an early stage for legislative action. When an embargo, child labor, prohibition, and other big issues are decided by the action of the Senate of the States for state rights.

The case of the "states rights" argument is an ancient and honorable one to the South, as has been made plain in the past by the fact that the effort has been made to secure the right of the States to act independently of the federal government of railroad, and other big issues are decided by the action of the Senate of the States for state rights.

CLARK SAYS HE WILL WIN.

Clark the past week Speaker of the House has claimed that his reelection is certain in the next Congress. While there is a difference of only one or two votes between the Republicans and Democrats, Mr. Clark claims that he will carry it by a large margin. He has the support of most of the "insiders." Mr. Clark is not given to boasting in advance, and his claims have caused the Republicans to become somewhat disheartened.

The trouble with a train of thought is that it doesn't always run on schedule time.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The choir will meet with Mrs. Mansfield this Wednesday evening for rehearsal.

The theme of the sermon Sunday morning will be, "Keep the Right Road in View."

Louis Van Den Kerkhofen and Miss Ruby Ashby chose their last Sunday for the spring term of the Go-to-Church Band. There were seven members that made a perfect record of attendance last term.

The delegates to the Boys' Conference did themselves much credit both with their reports and their songs at the "follow-up" meeting, Sunday evening.

The Christian Endeavor service Sunday evening at seven o'clock will be led by the pastor.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Miss Annie Cross, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Miss Muriel Day of Rochester, N. Y., will speak at the church on Friday evening at 7:30 under the auspices of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Miss Day is an entertaining speaker, exceptionally well informed on the subject she is presenting, and in every way well worth hearing. An offering will be received. The meeting is open to all.

On account of Miss Day's absence on Friday evening the P. S. Scout meeting will come on Wednesday evening.

Next Sunday's topic will be "Practical Ways of Making the World Better." This is the first Sunday in Lent, and plans are under way for making it the first of a series of seven "Every-body-at-Church" Sundays, closing with April 8th, which is Easter Sunday and also the last before the Annual Conference at Westbrook.

The Graveland Sisters' Quartet are due on March 7th with a splendid program of vocal and instrumental music, readings and sketches—something for every person to enjoy who likes a varied program of great artistic merit. This entertainment will be given at the Grange Hall.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The East Bethel and Northwest Bethel schools will close next Friday.

The regular meeting of the Bethel Parent-Teacher Association is postponed until Wednesday, Feb. 23, when Miss Florence M. Hale, State Agent for Rural Education, will give an address of special interest to parents and citizens.

Miss Elva Fuller of the East Bethel school was called home to Canton to attend her aunt's funeral. Miss Mary Stanley is substituting for the week.

School closed Friday, Feb. 16, at Middle Intervale, after a successful term taught by Miss Eva Bartlett. An entertainment was given at the school-house Thursday afternoon. The following was the program:

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| 809, America, | School |
| Wien Pa Begins to Shave, | |
| Faye Speaks, | Ronald Stevens |
| My Shadow, | Edward Carter |
| Dialogue, The Dog, the Cat, and the Rat, | Delma Leighton, Ronald Stevens, Lewis Elbridge |
| A Terrible Tragedy, | Eva Bartlett |
| 809, Yankee Doodle, | School |
| A Secret, | Delma Leighton |
| The Water Million, | Lewis Elbridge |
| 809, The School, | |
| Edward Carter, Robert Stevens | |
| 809, He's in Trouble, Ruth Elbridge | |
| The Week of the Julie Plante, | |
| 809, Renabou, | Robert Stevens |
| Dialogue, The Three Jacks, Ronald Stevens, Delma Leighton | |
| 809, Snowflakes, | |
| Ruth and Lewis Elbridge | |
| The Children's Hour, | School |

BAND CONCERT.

The concert given by the Bethel Band last Thursday evening was a decided success. The selections were excellent and a very pleasing manner and were well received. The large crowd in attendance seemed to inspire them to play any better.

Mrs. Mary of Bethel added much to the program with her correct solo. Herliok's orchestra furnished music for the dance which was enjoyed until a late hour.

LEGISLATIVE NOTICE.

The Committee on JUDICIARY will give a public hearing at 10 o'clock in the State House, in Augusta, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1917, at 10 o'clock, on the bill for the reorganization of the Supreme Judicial Court.

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